

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 148
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the University School of Jackson girls basketball team on a tremendously successful season.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the University School of Jackson Lady Bruins girls basketball team is one such team that recently completed a commendable 2005 season in which they advanced to the 2005 TSSAA Class A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable basketball team truly earned the opportunity to play in front of their family and fans in the TSSAA Class A State Tournament at Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, they maximized their considerable talents and completed a truly remarkable season by winning their quarter-final and semi-final games in the State Tournament and ultimately posting a 26-9 win-loss record for the 2005 season; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and hard working basketball team, the Lady Bruins vanquished Oneida in the quarterfinals 47-39 and defeated Clarkrange 58-55 in the semi-final game to advance to the State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, displaying the skill and character which had powered their tremendous success throughout the season, the University School of Jackson Lady Bruins fought bravely and proved a commendable challenge to their worthy opponents in the Championship Game;

despite an earnest effort by the Lady Bruins, their successful season came to an end with them being crowned Runner Up in the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bruins' efforts brought much deserved recognition to their school, and they finished with an exemplary overall record, establishing their team and all future Lady Bruins teams as a force to be reckoned with in the realm of girls high school basketball in Tennessee. They should rightfully take pride in this accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tony Shutes and Assistant Coaches Christie Golden and Cynthia Thomson provided expert guidance and leadership for these young ladies throughout their outstanding season; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional members of this basketball team include: Twelfth-Graders Katie Brush, Jessie Metcalf, Courtney Alvey, and Amy Page; Eleventh-Graders Megan Klipfel, Addie Stone, Melissa Morrison, and Audra Taylor; Tenth-Graders Megan Latimer, Becca Morris, Katie Harper, Rachel Young, Kacie Fite, and Lauren Smith; and Ninth-Graders Mary Haynes and Anna Fowler; and

WHEREAS, the female basketball players at University School of Jackson epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the greatest degree of character both on and off the court; they inspired the University School of Jackson student body and united their entire community while completing their extraordinary run through the 2005 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a notable basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the University School of Jackson girls basketball team for their commendable success during the 2005 basketball season and thank them for serving as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of

University School of Jackson in celebrating the Lady Bruins' amazing 2005 season, in which they finished Runner Up in the TSSAA Class A State Tournament, and honor and commend the talented young women who achieved this supreme success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish them much continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.